Our Lady of the Black Hills

May 9 & 10, 2009, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am
Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy
Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation: Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

Sparks from Father Mark

Debt is all around us. More than 70 percent of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, that is 7 out of 10 households. More than 35 percent of Christian marriages end in divorce, and money problems are the number one cause. On the average 2.2 percent of the people in the United States spend more than they earn. Consumer debt has risen to 2.7 trillion dollars. These are some of the statics that got my attention as I read Dave Ramsey *Total Money Make Over* and viewed *Financial Peace University.*

Financial Peace University is biblically based accountability curriculum that teaches how to manage money and resources God's way. It empowers people to make the right financial decisions to achieve their financial goals, teaching them to eliminate debt, build wealth, and give like never before. On average, families reduce their debt by $5,300 and save $2,700 in just 91 days—now that is exciting to me!

Financial Peace University consists of a 13-week video curriculum taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey that incorporates small-group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship. Most financial programs are boring, with confusing information and monotonous instructors. *Financial Peace* is very different! It is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice, and biblical messages.

I was struck by an article I read of a group of parishioners from Holy Spirit Catholic parish out of Atlanta, GA that started with a total debt of $458,935 and finished the 13-week course (which consists of 13, hour-long DVDs, weekly reading and assignments and small group discussion) with a total debt of $173,200. Some participants were not really familiar with Dave Ramsey, while others were already hard-core fans, but all got something out of it. Their comments are included in the bulletin – Look for *Financial Peace University* inside today's bulletin to learn more.

Financial Peace University at OLBH will be starting up on Wednesday June 3 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. There are fliers and a signup sheet at the back of the church for those interested in being part of this 13 week course this summer. Also one can check out the *Financial Peace University* web site at: http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/.

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Fr. Mark

Growing and Celebrating through the Teachings of Jesus Christ

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, May 11
Act 14:5-18; Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For blessings on the Linde and Weaver families)
10:30 am: Staff Holy Hour
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts
7:00 pm: Book Club

Tuesday, May 12
St. Nereus and St. Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr
Acts 14:19-28; Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; John 14:27-31a (white/red/red)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Jack DeFea)
4:30 pm Lumko Group (in rectory)
6:30 pm: Graduation BBQ
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 13
Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 15:1-6; Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15:1-8 (white/white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.)
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
6:00 pm: Gatherings of Grace "Women of the Bible"

Thursday, May 14
Feast of St. Matthias, apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalms 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15:9-17 (red)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Jacki Abraham's Birthday)
8:45 am: Staff Meeting
7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Family Potluck & General Meeting

Friday, May 15
St. Isidore
Acts 15:22-31; Psalms 57:8-9, 10 and 12; John 15:12-17 (white/white)
No Daily Liturgy
8:30 am: Women's Bible Study

Saturday Morning, May 16
Acts 16:1-10; Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 5; John 15:18-21 (white)
8:00 am Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Joseph Mulcahy)
9:00 am - Noon: Food Pantry
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

After all Masses this weekend, we will be showing an informational video on the Financial Peace University Course.

Saturday Evening, May 16
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 (white)
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)

Sunday, May 17
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 (white)
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For All Souls in Purgatory)
10:00 am: Coffee Hour hosted by Warren & Sandy Albertson
1:00 pm: Boy Scout CPR Training
6:00 pm: High School Graduation Liturgy (Intention: For Kevin, Linda, Taylor, Kyle & Maria Rohrbach)
7:00 pm: Life Teen /Edge

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns: Jane Abernathy, Kent Antonsen, Jesse Barber, Janice Collings, Joe Creek, Alice Donley, Ken Freeman, Rene Kahler, Barbara Hatch, Betty Kirker, Joni Osnes, Enola Sorlie, Don Snyder, Gordon Stark, Shirley Willert and Jim Wranek
Repose: Sharon Bunch, Marvin Kari, Carol Powers, Hank Pepin & Ruth Sealey

Collection Report
May 2 & 3

Loose	$ 1881.15
Envelopes	2443.00
Votive	12.00
Student	182.64
Adopt a Seminarian	0.00
Mass Intentions	0.00
Other	420.36
Total	**$ 4939.15**

Mass Ministry Schedule

5/16 & 5/17	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00pm
Bread Baker	Irene Daschel		
Altar Servers	M. Czmowski Curt Mahaffy Jerrod Deaver	David Strand Katie Strand Andrew Corbine	Kaleah Evans Austin Evans Kevin Chamberlain
Precious Body	Joe Deaver	Jean Schubauer	Judy Nelson
Precious Blood	Nancy Sass Greg Sass Kathy Amiotte Jacqui Blaha	Dean Antonsen Mary Antonsen Dennis Fischer Sharon Long	Curt Lauinger Philip Thompson John Wang Cathy Wang
Lectors	Bridgette Fode Cathy Sass	Pauline Stoffel Pat Suiter	Michelle Bucholz Teresa Thompson
Sacristans	Linda & Joe Schacher	Donna & Frank Boner	Cathy & John Wang
Ushers	Bernard Wiehl Loretta Wiehl	Marc Jacobs Duane Schubauer	Don Everson Kevin Rohrbach
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant

Coming in June to OLBH . . .

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.
Matthew 29:35-36

For the Ride Home

by Ted Bergh

Scripture

- he reported how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him (Acts 9:27)
- And I will live for the Lord, (Psalm 22:31)
- Love one another just as he commanded us (1 John 3:23)
- If you remain in me and my words remain in you ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you… (John 15:7)

Reflection

- Can you imagine Paul speaking to the Lord? What did Paul say?
- Do you believe Jesus promise in John 15:7? What do you ask from Jesus?
- How do you live for the Lord?
- How do you love another?

For the Word of God became a human being that we might become God; and he manifested himself in a body, that we might gain an idea of the invisible Father; and he endured insolence from men, that we might inherit immortality. (Athanasius)

Louth, Andrew, *The Wisdom of the Greek Fathers,* Westminster Press: Louisville, KY, 2000, P. 16

From the Pro-Life Commission

"Moreover, a woman's personal sense of dignity is not primarily the result of juridically defined rights, but rather the direct consequence of the material and spiritual care she receives in the bosom of the family. The presence of a mother within the family is so important for the stability and growth of this fundamental cell of society, that it should be recognized, commended and supported in every possible way."

Pope Benedict XVI, "Meeting with Catholic Movements for the Promotion of Women", Santo Antonio Parish, Luanda, Angola, March 22, 2009. *www.vatican.va (use search option)*

Rachel's Corner

O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in thy dear Mother, whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary and our Lady of Fatima, and grant us by her powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Our Lady of Fatima, Feast: May 13

If you have been affected by abortion, pray to Our Lady of Fatima, the Queen of Peace, and ask for Christ's goodness and mercy. Attend a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and experience the profound and beautiful mercy of Our Lord. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Diocesan/Area News

The Gift that Keeps on Giving!

Have you ever wanted to give your priest a gift and not known what to get them? Our priests do so much for us! Would you be willing to give an hour or two of your time in prayer? During the diocesan priest retreat June 8-12, 2008, we will be having Solemn Exposition and Adoration at Cathedral to pray for our priests, in thanksgiving for all they do for us and for guidance in their ministry, as well as an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 7:00 am Mass on June 8 and conclude at noon on June 12. Signups will be placed at each parish or you may call Cathedral Rectory at 342-0507.

Fourth Annual Motorcycle Blessing

When: Sunday, May 17, 1:30 pm
Where: Blessed Sacrament – West Parking Lot
Who: Everyone is welcome to this blessing of 'scooters!'

Catholic Daughters Meeting

The Catholic Daughter will hold their regular court meeting on May 11 at 7 pm at St. Therese. Please plan to attend, as plans are being made for the Mother-Daughter luncheon on May 16.

NFP Workshop

Are you a nurse, physician, or health care professional who wants to learn more about the Christian perspective on sexual health and intimacy in marriage? If so, First Choice Clinic of Fargo, ND is sponsoring A RETURN TO WHOLENESS workshop from May 18-21 at Cardinal Muench Seminary, in Fargo. You may attend part of the conference or all four days. Registered nurses and physicians can qualify to become certified Marquette Model Natural Family Planning instructors. Registration before May 1: $175; after May 1: $200; Lodging: $15/night. For more information, or to register, call First Choice Clinic at 701-237-5902 or log on to www.teamfirstchoiceclinic.com. Note: All materials and instruction follow the teachings of the Catholic Church.

A Journey in the Footsteps of Blessed Jeanne Jugan

The Little Sisters of the Poor are offering a Jeanne Jugan Encounter weekend for young women ages 14-38 at Queens Village, NY from Friday, May 29, to Sunday, May 31. The Little Sisters' Foundress, Jeanne Jugan, will be declared a saint by Pope Benedict on October 11. She showed the way to holiness through joyful simplicity and a profound respect for Our Lord in the person of the frail and the poor. No charge to attend, but donations are gratefully accepted. To register, call 718.464.4920 or e-mail vocationsbrooklyn@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Diocesan / Area News, cont.

Lakota Circles of Hope

Reaching more than 1,000 Native American children in second thru fifth grades on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations, Catholic Social Services, through its *Lakota Circles of Hope* classroom based curriculum, teaches Native children to find strength in their Lakota culture and values to say no to alcohol, drugs, sexual promiscuity and gangs. Please join us Thursday, June 4 for the *Lakota Circles of Hope Premiere Awareness and Fundraising* event, 5:30-7:30 PM at Prairie Edge. Tickets are $50.00 per person; proceeds are earmarked for the LCH program. For reservations contact CSS at 348-6086 or css@rapidnet.com. If you are unable to attend but wish to support this program, you may mail your donation directly to CSS, 918 5th St, Rapid City, SD 57701. Please prayerfully consider your gift so together, we can continue this valuable work to empower the lives of young children living on the reservations. Please continue to pray for all we serve. We thank you for your sacrifice especially during these difficult economic times.

Christian Family Planning

The next Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, May 16th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at Blessed Sacrament in Rapid City. This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City. Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

As noted in the *West River Catholic* and in response to requests, the Diocese of Rapid City is attempting to organize a group for a pilgrimage with Bishop Cupich to the Holy Land from October 9 – 19, 2009. The itinerary includes three nights in Tiberius and five nights in Jerusalem with guided tours. The total cost is $4,350 per person based on double occupancy and 30 participants. All meals, round trip flight from Rapid City to Tel Aviv, first class hotel rooms, tour guides, gratuities and ground transportation are included in the price. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Margaret Simonson, Chancellor, Diocese of Rapid City, 343-3541. A $350 deposit is required by May 1, the date set to determine if there is enough interest to book the reservations.

Fourth Annual Greek Food Event

Fans of the annual "Eat Like a Greek" food feast will find that all prices except for one item (Greek salad) are the same as in 2008, an email account has been set up for those who wish to see the menu ahead of time, and take-out orders will be accepted until 6 p.m. the day before the event. Sponsored by St. John Orthodox Church, Rapid City, Eat Like a Greek is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will again take place at Faith Lutheran Church, 17 Indiana Street (across the street from South Middle School), which has a large parking lot and plenty of indoor, air conditioned seating. Authentic Greek food to be served includes Gyros, Chicken or Pork Souvlaki, Fasolatha (bean vegetable soup), Moussaka (eggplant, zucchini and potato casserole), Pastitsio (pasta casserole), Spanokopita, and Greek salad. Desserts include Baklava, Loukoumades (Greek donuts), Koulourakia, and Paximadia. Greek coffee and Greek style olives (by the quart) will also be offered. All proceeds of the event go to St. John's building fund.

A Roman Holiday . . .

Father Mike Mulloy is planning another trip to Rome in October of 2009. The trip normally runs about ten days and includes an extensive look at Rome and one other neighboring city. The cost runs between $2000 and $2500. This price includes everything except souvenirs. The total cost may vary depending on the exchange rate for dollars and euro. If you are interested in learning more, please plan to attend an information evening on Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral Large Meeting Room.

Friends of Luke & Martha

We have an event planned for this month. On Sunday, May 17, for dinner we will go to the Olive Garden at 5:00 PM. Please RSVP to either Terry or Lisa by Sat. May 16. The Friends of Luke & Martha is an organization of single people. Those involved in this ministry open their door to all men and women who have never married, are separated, divorced, widowed, or are single parents. The single group allows for, and understands that single people must take the time to look at themselves and see where they are going in life and how they are developing themselves spiritually, as well as the talents and gifts that God gave them. If you are between 21-55 come and join us. For more information call Terry Schroeder 341-1143 and Lisa Wattenhofer 342-2305

Donations Sought for "Diocesan Masses for Life"

For the third year, the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission will match donations made to the "Diocesan Masses for Life" project, up to a total of $250. Donations will help fund the daily Masses offered throughout the diocese for the protection of life. Prayer is essential to ensuring a culture of life in South Dakota and throughout the nation! Donations must be postmarked on or before June 22, 2009. Please send donations to: Diocesan Masses for Life, c/o Mary Mitchell, 113 Berry Pine Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702.

Did You Know?

Stopping Inappropriate Behavior

Give your child the power to recognize – and stop – inappropriate touching by others. If a child does not want to be touched, he or she has the right to say, "Stop!" Even parents should listen when a child does not want to be tickled or hugged. For more information, contact the diocesan Safe Environment coordinator, Linda Severns, at 605.343.3541.

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Olive Wood from the Holy Land

This weekend we welcome Mr. Imad Qumsieh (Com-See) who is from the Holy Land (Bethlehem). He represents the Olive Wood Religious sales to support the few Catholic families that remained in the Holy Land. With the continuing troubles in the, Middle East, tourism has dried up and the sale of olive wood statues; which is their sole support. Your purchases will help ensure a Christian presence in the Holy Land, especially in Bethlehem, which is very important to us, because those Christian Families are protecting the Holy Sites and the Holy Churches for all of us and for our future generations. Please stop by, and take a look at their beautiful statues while they are here on May 16 & 17. They have a very beautiful collection of hand carved olive wood statues, Rosaries, and Crosses; there is something for everyone. It is a very good cause, and I encourage you to support our Catholic brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Our Lord Jesus Christ calls us, as Catholics, to be generous. This is a good opportunity and a good time to help our needy Catholic brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Thank you, May God bless you. Amen ~ Imad Oumsieh 402-934-6546.

Little Rock Scripture Study is Coming to OLBH!

Our Lady of the Black Hills parish will be offering an 8-week "Introduction to the Bible" course beginning in June. Participants will become comfortable finding their way around the Bible, develop a better understanding of its themes and writing styles, and gain clear insights about Catholic use and interpretation of the Bible. The Little Rock Scripture Study series has been used for many years in Catholic parishes around the world. Their mission is to help people to read, study and live the Word of God, encourage people to grow in personal knowledge of God, help people experience a greater sense of Christian community, and promote and teach Roman Catholic biblical scholarship. We will offer two session times: Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning June 11th and Friday mornings from 8:30-10:00 am, beginning June 12th. The cost for this Bible study will be $20, which includes two booklets: a Study Guide and a Commentary book. It also includes a nominal contribution toward the instructional DVD we will be using weekly. For more information, you may call Jane Abernathy at 716-0286 or visit the website: http://www.littlerockscripture.org. If you click on "Program Information," you can view an Informational DVD on your computer. To register, please complete a registration and submit it to our Office manager, Betsy, along with your $20 check, per person, payable to Our Lady of the Black Hills. Please register by May 24th to be guaranteed your materials on time. We hope you will join us for our summer pilgrimage into the Bible!

Third Annual Wild Game Feed Fund Raiser

Elk Creek Steak House & Lounge will be hosting the Wild Game Feed on Saturday, May 16, 2009. Dinner and silent auction will be from 5 - 9 pm. If you like to sing, karaoke will be going until midnight. Show your support to our Piedmont Ambulance and Fire Department by coming. Adults - $10.00, 10 & under - $6.00, see Tom or Betsy Van Asma for tickets.

OLBH Journey into Spring with Wildflowers

Field Trips For All Ages: Every Saturday morning starting in late March or early April (in time for the Pasqueflower) we will guide interested folks into the prairie near Sun Valley Estates (off Elk Creek Road) to enjoy and photograph God's beautiful creations. Please call Dave Allardyce for further information and reservations at 791-2303. Last season's wildflower growth was phenomenal, probably because of all the rain. We have no idea what will happen this season.

Gatherings of Grace: "Women of the Bible"

Our last Gatherings of Grace will be Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. We will be learning about a few women whose manifold experiences of God can be good news for the world of today and for our own personal lives.

Happy 90th to Reggie Gingras!

There will be an Open House for Reggie Gingras' 90th birthday on May 23rd from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at her home. Hosted by her children and grandchildren. Hope to see you there. Call Theresa Pearson with questions or if you need directions. 390-6123

Ministry Schedule

I have recently gotten a new ministry schedule program. Please bear with me as I work out the kinks. With this program it is very important that I have all your information correct. Please take time to look over the sheets in the gathering area to make sure all my information is correct. Thank you! ~ Betsy

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

OLBH is putting together a men's & women's softball team. Our teams will play against other Churches in the area. If you are interested in playing "America's Favorite Pastime" please sign up in the gathering area or call the office at 787-5168 to register. Hurry, because three strikes and you're OUT!

Summer Home Masses

Home Masses are going to be back during June, July and August. June 2 and 16, July 7 and 21, August 4 and 11 at 6:00 pm. Light appetizers or snacks to be served after Mass. A sign-up sheet will be in the gathering area.

Attention High School Graduates!

Fr. Mark will be hosting a Graduation BBQ Tuesday, May 12th! Please call Teresa in the parish office to RSVP!

OLBH Parish News, cont.

Extra, Extra, Read all About It!

The news is out! The National Catholic Youth Conference is scheduled for November 19-22, 2009 in Kansas City, MO. This conference is scheduled every two years for those who will be in high school in the fall of 2009. The youth who attended the last conference are already on board and can't wait to go! Please contact Teresa Thompson, 787-5168 for more information! I would love to talk to you about this great opportunity! Registration fee: $195.00 (this does not include meals, lodging and transportation). $100.00 Deposit, made payable to OLBH due Friday, July 17.

Your middle school and high school kids have loved Totus Tuus Summer Camps…

Now we invite the whole family to join in! We'll have an opportunity for prayer, recreation, hiking, swimming, activities, Saturday Mass, and more! Join us Saturday at Storm Mountain Center from 9am - 6:30pm, includes lunch and dinner. Cost: $20/adult or $40/family. Or join us both Saturday and Sunday: stay overnight for a campfire, breakfast, Sunday Mass, recreation, and lunch. Cost: $60/adult or $120/family. Family Registration Forms are available in the Gathering area on the counter.

More information at www.Gods-Call.org. Office of Vocations. Diocese of Rapid City. (605) 343-3541. PO BOX 678 Rapid City, SD 57709

TOTUS TUUS 2009

All this I do for the sake of the gospel – 1 Cor 9:23
Year of St. Paul: the apostle to the gentiles

Totus Tuus Camps are coming! Hiking, Campfires, Swimming, Games, and much more! At Storm Mountain Center.

- Girls Camp, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: June 23-26.
- Girls Leadership, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: June 22-26.
- Boys Camp, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: July 7-10.
- Boys Leadership, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: July 6-10.

Registration forms available online at www.Gods-call.org or at your parish. $20 discount coupons for registrations received before May 15. Contact the Office of Vocations for more information, 343-3541, ssafford@diorc.org.

Ministers of Holy Communion should wash hands before Mass. Ministers' use of anti-bacterial gels before, after Communion advised. People feeling ill should avoid receiving Communion from the cup.

DIVINE WORSHIP COMMITTEE PUBLISHES Q&A ON SWINE FLU, MASS

WASHINGTON—The U.S. bishops' Committee on Divine Worship has posted on the Web a series of 10 questions and answers related to participation at Mass during the time of the swine influenza (swine flu). The information echoes that published in 2006 at the time of the avian (bird) flu and was developed in conjunction with the U.S. Center for Disease Control. The 10 questions and answers can be found at

http://usccb.org/liturgy/swineflu.shtml

Financial Peace University

Comments from a group of parishioners from Holy Spirit Catholic parish out of Atlanta, GA:

Ms. Angie Hornback had this to say, "I already listened to Dave on the radio and had read his recent book, but after taking Financial Peace I have learned so much more! I loved the class!"

Several people already familiar with Dave Ramsey benefitted from the small group discussions. Ms. Elizabeth Jayes commented "that by the third meeting I felt comfortable enough, and I believe others did too, to share some of the errors I had made and the small successes I had. The support and accountability of tackling this in a group format really kept me on track week to week."

One success story is that of a couple who began the class with a large house mortgage. They realized that they had reached a point in their life that they no longer cared about "keeping up with the Joneses." They put their house on the market (it sold in just 38 days!) and bought another house with ½ the mortgage. They have greater financial peace and are doing the baby steps to be completely debt free.

Scott and Denise Madgey discovered the value of spending every dollar on paper before the month begins. "It's great to already know where the money will come from for Christmas gifts and our vacation and that we won't have to use credit cards to pay for them." They also learned helpful tips to communicate about financial matters. "We wish we had taken this class as part of our marriage preparation. Newly married couples need to know this."

Elizabeth Jayes sums it up well. "I loved that each baby step was illustrated with excellent examples of why to take each step or what might happen if you skip, avoid or ignore a step! This is what I never learned in school!"

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